

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace, without prejudice, all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. (Currently amended) A method for allocating operating control functions to operating-communications controls of an electronic device which is capable of executing functions of a plurality of electronic devices as switchable functions, the method comprising:

making available a predetermined number of operator controls assigned to respective operating functions of a first device type;

assigning respective operating functions of each further type of device to the operator controls; and

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*cmf* ~~switching over the device~~ selecting a device type to be controlled by the operator controls among various device types, the operating functions of the operator controls being changed corresponding to the ~~assignment~~ selection.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising characterizing the operator controls using at least one of the following symbols from an audio field: a play symbol, a stop symbol, a pause symbol, a skip forwards symbol, a skip backwards symbol, a double arrow left, and a double arrow right.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the types of devices include at least one of the following types: a radio set, a television set, a traffic information system, a telephone, a navigation system, a vehicle-speed control, an air circulating system, a heating system and an air conditioning.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the electronic devices are devices in motor vehicle luxury feature electronics.

5. (Currently amended) A device control system comprising:

a plurality of operator controls;

a switching device for switching application of the device control system among various device types to be controlled, wherein operating functions of the plurality of operator controls are changed corresponding to a selected device type to be controlled; and

an assignment changing device for changing operator functions of operator controls changed with respect to assignments;

a display for indicating [[a]] the type of device to be controlled and corresponding operating function parameters; and  
operator controls in the form of keys.

6. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 5, wherein the device control system is an operating console at least partially integrated into a steering wheel.

7. (New) The control system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a selection switch for selecting a device type to be controlled.

8. (New) The control system according to claim 7, wherein the selection switch is a rotary control with a plurality of selection settings corresponding to a plurality of device types, and wherein the selection switch activates the selected device type to be controlled.

9. (New) The control system according to claim 7, wherein the display is an alphanumeric display for displaying in text form the selected type of device to be controlled.

10. (New) The control system according to claim 8, wherein the display is an alphanumeric display for displaying in text form the selected type of device to be controlled.